

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4503
ANSWERED ON:03.05.2012
DISTRIBUTION OF WATER BY PRIVATE COMPANIES
Scindia Smt. Yashodhara Rajee

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to handover the distribution of water to private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the new water policy has been drafted by the Government under the advice of World Bank; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES & MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI VINCENT H. PALA)

(a) & (b) The revised draft National Water Policy (2012) inter-alia recommends that the "Service Provider" role of the State has to be gradually shifted to that of a regulator of services and facilitator for strengthening the institutions responsible for planning, implementation and management of water resources. The water related services should be managed with community participation or brought under appropriate "Public Private Partnership" model under close superintendence of the regulatory authorities including the stakeholders.

(c) & (d) No, Madam. The Draft National Water Policy (2012) has been prepared after a series of consultation meeting with different stakeholders. Details of the Consultation Meetings held in this regard are annexed.

Annexure

(Annexure referred in reply to the Unstarred Question No. +4503 to be answered on 03.5.2012 in the Lok Sabha regarding Distribution of Water by Private Companies)

Details of the Consultation meetings for review of National Water Policy

A consultation meeting with Hon'ble Members of Parliamentary Standing Committee on Water Resources, Hon'ble Members of the Consultative Committee for Ministry of Water Resources and Hon'ble Members of the Parliamentary Forum on Water Conservation and Management was held on 28.07.2010.

A Brainstorming Session with Academia, Professionals and Experts was held on 26th October, 2010 regarding review of National Water Policy.

Consultation meeting with Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) was held on 11-12 January 2011.

Consultation meeting with Corporate Sector for Review of National Water Policy was held on 21st March 2011.

Consultation meeting held with Panchayati Raj Institutions from

Southern States at Hyderabad: 16th June 2011,
North Eastern States at Shillong : 30th June 2011,
Northern States at Jaipur : 14th July 2011, and
Western States at Pune : 2nd November, 2011